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SUBJECT: TRADE CENTER CLOSING

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1. AFTER READING THE COMMENTS OF MY COLLEGAUGES IN STOCKHOLM AND OSLO, I FEEL I TOO SHOULD ADD MY SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE WISDON OF OMB'S PLAN TO CLOSE STOCKHOLM TRADE CENTER. ALTHOUGH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF STOCKHOLM'S CLOSURE WOULD BE MINIMAL IN DENMARK, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE VIEW EXPRESSED WELL BY AMBASSADOR BYRNE, THAT IT WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS NEGATIVE EFFECT ON EMBASSY COPENHAGEN'S TRADE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.

2. THE VARIED EXHIBITION THEMES OF THE STOCKHOLM TRADE CENTER AND TO LESSER DEGREE FRANKFURT PROVIDED A COORDINATED PROFESSIONALLY RESEARCHED SERIES OF PROGRAMS WHICH ENABLE OUR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION TO FOCUS ON AREAS WITH MAXIMUM US SALES POTENTIAL. STOCKHOLM PARTICULARLY HAS FUNCTIONED AS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT CATALYST IN OUR REGIONAL EXPORT SALES

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PROGRAM AND I FEAR THAT CLOSURE OF THE STOCKHOLM

TRADE CENTER WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR COMMERCIAL OPER
ATIONS. THEREFORE I ENDORSE THE EFFORTS OF
STATE AND COMMERCE TO REVERSE THE OMB DECISION.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THE ABOVE TO HELSINKI
OSLO, STOCKHOLM AND FRANKFURT.
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